

THE M. M. Co.'s s. s. Melbourne, with the next French mail, left Saigon to-day, at noon, for this port.

LOOKWOOD, the Surrey cricketer, had a narrow escape from drowning in Australia about a month ago.

Tan Misses D'Arc announce a change of programme for to-morrow night. There will be a grand military performance on Thursday evening under the patronage of Major-General Barker.

BANGKOK must be a lively place. A local retrospect for 1894 published in one of the English newspapers contains an unusually heavy percentage of murders and libel actions.

TWENTY-FOUR houses were burned down in the French Concession, Shanghai, on the 3rd inst. The insurances on the contents amounted to Tls. 42,000, the Hongkong Fire being interested to the extent of Tls. 3000.

We are advised by the Secretary of the Punjoni Mining Co., Ltd., of the receipt of a telegram from Mr. Blamey reading:— "During the month of December the mill ran 26 days, crushing 800 tons, yielding 355 ounces of gold, and Headings 800 tons for 45 ounces gold."

EARLY in December an ice carnival was held by the foreign residents at Newchwang, the band of H. M. S. *Firebrand* providing the music. The British and American consuls have notified the foreigners to go on board the *Firebrand* and *Perle* upon a given signal announcing danger. The bluejackets and marines hold manoeuvres on shore every day, precious glad to get something to do to keep themselves warm.

A **TELEGRAM** was received at Tientsin from Newchwang on the 21st ult. asking for assistance from the Red Cross Society, as wounded Chinese were making their way to the latter port. It was reported that forty Japanese soldiers, captured in Manchuria, had arrived at Tientsin and were being sent on to Peking. The families of all the southern mandarin at Tientsin were being sent away overland. Chinese troops are concentrating around Tientsin.

It is well capital punishment has not yet been abolished. If ever a man deserved to be dealt with according to the utmost rigour of the law—Chinese or civilised—it is the composer of a song who wishes to make it popular by offering a Collard and Collard piano to the amateur or professional who sings his song loudest within a given period. What has the British public done? Has the man no mercy for a people recovering from a bad epidemic of 'Daisy Bell' and 'After the Ball'?

WRITING from Chinanfu about the middle of last month, a missionary correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News* states that the general feeling amongst the missionaries in Shanlung seems to be that up to the present those located in the interior were more peaceful and less subject to alarms than the missionaries nearer the sea coast. Companies of Chinese soldiers were met on the road, with many carts going east filled with powder, bullets and military supplies. No one sought to molest the missionaries. The progress of the carts was slow and tedious owing to the wretched condition of the roads. There has been much rain and fog in that district. The correspondent was inclined to give credence to a report that the Japanese had landed 20,000 men at Shanhaiwan, but this report, we believe, is not correct.

This morning, at the Magistrate, Constable Robert Graham charged Pang Sau Kong, 26 First Street, with allowing water to run to waste. Constable Graham stated that he discovered that the tap in the cockhouse on the ground floor was turned on, and that the water must certainly have been running to waste for some considerable time. The defendant, as a matter of course, blamed a foki, but as he was the master of the house, and the responsible party, and was staying on the premises at the time, Mr. Wodehouse fined him \$10, giving him the option of free quarters and a regulated supply of water in Victoria Gaol for one month. The fine was paid. This is yet another instance of what goes on undetected in the Chinese quarters, and what will continue so long as the Government pursue the insane policy of allowing the Chinese to have the water supply laid on to their houses. Yesterday, we published a paragraph stating that extensions were now in course of construction at Tatum Waterworks, whereby an additional supply of 100 million gallons will be obtained. The Government may go on extending the water supply *ad infinitum*, but so long as the Chinese are, metaphorically speaking, allowed to play ducks and drakes with the supply, then just so long will the Colony have periodic experiences of water famine.

An Imperial edict has been issued conferring the Grand Cross of the Order of the Double Dragon on all the foreign Ministers who had audience with the Emperor on the 12th November last.

The United States have a Federal army of 25,000 men; there are over 100,000 State militia of whom the President is the Commander-in-Chief, and there are over 30,000,000 men of military age in the United States. Fully 12,000,000 of whom are ready at the first call to take up arms for the Stars and Stripes.

FOOTBALL.

THE WORLD'S SCOTLAND.

One of the best football matches of the season was played at the Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the teams being Scotland v. The World.

With one of the best combinations yet seen in a Club match in Hongkong, the Scots played up strongly from the outset. From a pass by Anton, Willie got possession of the ball, and, rushing past both of the World's backs, took a strong and high shot for goal. The goalkeeper, Macchell, misjudged the shot, and the ball dropped behind him but not between the posts. Taking it on the bounce, Macchell threw the ball out, but Campbell, Hongkong Regiment, who had got between the backs and the goalkeeper, breathed the ball through and scored the first point for Scotland. During the first period, there was almost a continuous bombardment of the World's goal, Campbell's pass on the left wing generally enabling him to evade every obstacle and leaving the issue to him and the goalkeeper. Macchell was in great form, however, and most certainly saved his side from humiliating defeat. Had the shots been harder and better placed it would have been impossible to prevent scoring, but in effective shooting and a good custodian combined to keep down the score. Anderson, Hongkong Regiment, who can usually be relied on for a good game, was off his balance and made a mistake on at half-back and Henderson at full-back completely broke up any attempt at combination on the part of the World's forwards, and half-time found matters all in favour of the Scots.

After crossing over, the World looked like scoring, and an infringement by Campbell, the goalkeeper, gave them a free kick close to goal. The ball was free away to Scotland, and their forwards speedily carried the ball to the other end and returned the bombardment of the World's goal. All the men put in good shots, but the World's custodian was over on the alert and could not be beaten. Campbell had had lines twice in succession when almost home. In response to calls from Tirth, the World's forwards made one or two game rushes, but sharply averted by his backs, averted all danger. A free kick close to the other goal was taken before the World's team woke up, and was neatly trundled past Macchell by the opposing forwards. A second free kick almost under the bar was resultless, and the game closed with the score—Scotland 2 goals, World 0.

The keenest interest was taken in the game throughout by a goodly concourse of spectators, who greeted every smart bit of play with hearty applause, though with a very evident bias for Scotland.

The Kowloon Dock contingent, Henderson, Gow and Willie, were the backbone of the Scotch team, and, with Campbell and Anton, did the greatest share of the work. Henderson was a splendidly safe back, and it was a pity, from the spectators' point of view, that he was not harder pressed, so that he might have been able to give an exhibition of his best play. Willie, as one bystander remarked, was the game, and with his right wing man showed how passing should be done. There were flashes of brilliant play on the part of the World's forwards, but there was none of that well-organised combined effort which won the game for Scotland. Edwards worked like a Trojan, but lacked judgment. Brett did most of the left wing work. Crook being no match for Maitland, who was opposed to him. Ezekiel, Thomson and Kew were certainly the best men on the side, and Macchell himself was simply invaluable. The Hong Kong Regiment, who have concentrated on other occasions upon arranging interesting fixtures, might well be encouraged to carry out a series of international matches, since they create so much healthy rivalry.

AMOEY RACES.

First Day.—Monday, 7th January, 1895.

1.—**CONSUL CUP**.—(Presented.) Value \$100. For all China Ponies. Weights as per scale. Entrance \$5. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Dryadus's *Hard Times*, 11st. 11lb. 1
Captain Thompson's *Bunham*, 10st. 12lb. 2
Captain Thompson's *Boys*, 10st. 12lb. 3
Time, 1 min. 69 sec.

2.—**TRIAL STAKES**.—Of \$10 each with \$150 added. A forced entry for Amoy Subscription Griffin of this season. First Pony to receive 70 per cent., 2nd 20 per cent., and 3rd 10 per cent. Weights as per scale. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. McThorn's *Wanderer*, 10st. 9lb. 1
Mr. Ernest's *Thug*, 11st. 11lb. 2
Mr. Bruce's *Bumblebump*, 10st. 12lb. 3
Time, 1 min. 40-4-6 sec.

3.—**RACING STAKES**.—Of \$10 each with \$100 added. 2nd Pony \$50. For all China Ponies. Weights as per scale.

One mile and a half.

Mr. Boyd's *Dance*, 11st. 11lb. 1
Mr. Bruce's *Timber*, 10st. 9lb. 2
Mr. Barney's *Sassa*, 11st. 11lb. 3
Time, 3 min. 26-1-6 sec.

4.—**BAKEMAN CUP**.—(Presented.) Value \$100. For all China Ponies first race as Grifins at Amoy. Weights as per scale. Entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Boyd's *Dance*, 11st. 11lb. 1
Mr. Thomas's *Older*, 10st. 12lb. 2
Mr. Bruce's *Daisy*, 10st. 9lb. 3
Time, 2 min. 62-4-6 sec.

5.—**POWELL CUP**.—(Presented.) Value \$100. For all China Ponies. Weights as per scale. Entrance \$5. One mile and three quarters.

Mr. Dryadus's *Cobweb*, 11st. 11lb. 1
Mr. August's *Aristocrat*, 11st. 11lb. 2
Mr. McArthur's *Steadfast*, 10st. 12lb. 3
Time, 4 min. 2 sec.

SECOND DAY.—Tuesday, Jan. 8.

1.—**CONSUL CUP**.—(Presented.) Value \$100. 2nd Pony \$50. For Amoy Subscription Griffin of this season. Winner of Trial Stakes of last year. Cup extra, of two extra 70 lbs. extra. Weights as per scale. Entrance \$5. Seven furlongs.

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Mr. Bruce's *Bumblebump*, 10st. 12lb. 2
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2.—**CHALLENGE CUP**.—Value \$250. A forced entry for all Amoy and Formosa Cup Ponies, optional to Subscription Griffin of this season. Half entrance fee to the winner, unless the Cup is final. If won, when the Second Cup shall receive the half entrance fee. To be won two consecutive meetings, by a Pony or Ponies, the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. Weights as per scale. Entrance \$10.—One mile.

Mr. Dryadus's *Daisy*, 10st. 9lb. 1
Mr. Bruce's *Timber*, 10st. 9lb. 2
Mr. August's *Aristocrat*, 11st. 11lb. 3
Time, 2 min. 12-3-6 sec.

3.—**VISCONTI CUP**.—(Presented.) Value \$100. For all China Ponies. Winner of Fochow Cup Tls. extra. Weights as per scale. Entrance \$5. Two miles.

Mr. Dryadus's *Cobweb*, 11st. 11lb. 1
Mr. McArthur's *Steadfast*, 10st. 12lb. 2
Mr. Barney's *Pouchon*, 10st. 12lb. 3
Time, 4 min. 40-3-6 sec.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE LODGE STAR OF SOUTHERN CHINA, CANTON.

The annual installation meeting of the Lodge Star of Southern China, Canton, was held on Saturday evening. The ceremony at Canton is usually conducted by the Past Masters, but on the present occasion the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China attended, for which purpose a large number of brethren left Hongkong by the Canton boat on Saturday, returning yesterday. By dispensation a special convocation of the District Grand Lodge was convened, the District Grand Lodge being represented by his Deputy, Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, and the other officers were filled as follows:—D.G.M., Wor. Bro. L. Mallory; D.G.S.W., Wor. Bro. F. W. Heuermann; D.G.J.V., Wor. Bro. G. L. Tomlin; D. G. Registrar, Wor. Bro. G. C. Anderson; D. G. President of the Board, Wor. Bro. J. Christie; D. G. Secretary, Bro. E. W. Mitchell; D. G. Treasurer, Bro. G. J. D. G. J.V., Wor. Bro. E. Wodehouse, O.M.G.; D. G. Sword Bearer, Wor. Bro. S. J. Hanibon; D. G. Standard Bearer, Wor. Bro. E. C. Ellis; D. G. Organist, Wor. Bro. P. Lamont; D. G. Pursuivant, Wor. Bro. G. A. Caldwell; D. G. Stewards, Bro. C. C. Bowring, Bro. G. J. B. Sayer, and several of the Canton brethren.

The Lodge Star of Southern China having been duly opened, the District Grand Lodge was received with the usual honours and the Acting District Grand Master proceeded to install the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. F. Salinger. The officers of the Lodge were afterwards installed by Wor. Bro. Salinger as follows:—I. P. M., Wor. Bro. F. B. Smith; W. M., Bro. E. T. Bond; J. W. Bro. W. Holmes; Treasurer, Bro. O. S. Edwards; Secretary, Bro. C. J. Lafont; S.D., Bro. F. T. Richards; J.D., Bro. J. N. Smith; I.G., Bro. E. A. Linck; D.C., Bro. A. Stanton; Steward, Bro. A. C. H. Zott; Tyler, Bro. E. A. Strelnick.

After the closing of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to Theatre and sat down to a banquet at which the national joy and masonic toasts were duly honoured and songs were given by several of the brethren. A very enjoyable evening was spent and the Hongkong brethren returned yesterday with pleasant recollections of the hospitality of their Canton friends.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Standard* writing on this subject of electoral reform and the extension of the franchise in Austria, states that out of the twenty-four millions of Austrians, only 2,350,000 can read and write, whereas 1,793,000 are illiterate, the proportion per cent. being—1 in 10 illiterate, 1 in 10,000 illiterate, and 1 in 10,000 illiterate. These figures are interesting from more than one point of view. They indicate an alarming condition of ignorance, mostly in the Slav Provinces, and fully justify the objection of the Germans to the extension of the franchise to a majority of illiterate Austrians endowed with equal voting power to their own.

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Accounts recently received from Moukden show that the situation in that city is far from satisfactory. Some time ago a guard of Manchus was posted at each of the eight gates with orders to apprehend deserters or fugitive soldiers. As a result of this many Chinese have been killed, but Manchus deserters were liberated. This so

